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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OCLR, PFOR, MARR

SUBJECT: USS SANCTUARY VISIT TO PORT-AU-PRINCE

1. WE HAD HOPED TO CONFIRM GOH AGREEMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY AND PORT AUTHORITIES AT FOREIGN OFFICE OCTOBER 16. HOWEVER, GOH REPRESENTATIVES, WHILE AGREEING TO ALL OTHER POINTS, RAISED ONE QUESTION ABOUT BERTHING. WE HAD EARLIER UNDERSTOOD FROM THE PORT AUTHORITIES THAT THERE WAS NO PROBLEM IN THIS REGARD. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY, PRIOR TO ENTRY OF DATT AND MYSELF TO MEETING, PORT AUTHORITIES TOLD US IN MEETING THAT SANCTUARY WOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BEING MOVED SEVERAL HUNDRED FEET ALONG THE PIER AND BACK EVERY THURSDAY TO MAKE ROOM FOR A CRUISE SHIP, OR BEING BERTHED SO AS TO EXTEND 95 FEET BEYOND THE END OF THE PIER.

2. I TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER AND PORT AUTHORITIES THAT I THOUGHT MOVING THE SHIP EVERY THURSDAY WOULD PRESENT A SERIOUS PROBLEM BUT THAT I WOULD REFER THE MATTER TO USS SANCTUARY FOR COMMENT. I ASSUME THAT HAVING 95 FEET OF SHIP'S LENGTH PROTRUDE BEYOND THE END OF THE DOCK WOULD ALSO PRESENT PROBLEMS.

3. FRANKLY, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EITHER OF THESE

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PROPOSALS HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY IN

THE GOH. I WOULD LIKE TO REPLY TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY
THAT BOTH PROPOSALS ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND ESCALATE THIS
QUESTION TO A HIGHER GOH LEVEL FOR A MORE SATISFACTORY
DECISION.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE USS SANCTUARY COMMENTS.
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